

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

1.(Presently amended)A puppetry based communication method, comprising the steps of:

providing one or more images in a computer environment, the one or more images having a hinge area and being adapted for hand manipulation;

downloading selected of said one or more images to provide said images in paper form;

forming said paper form to create a puppet representative of said image by affixing a hinge to the paper form ;and

interacting with an on-line training laboratory on the puppet site, the training laboratory comprising a plurality of developmental segments having multimedia audio and video files containing content which [to] facilitates learning and communication in connection with play with the puppet.

2.(Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4.(Cancelled)

5. (Originally presented) The puppetry based communication method of Claim 1 wherein said step of downloading includes printing said image on a printer.

6. (Originally presented) The puppetry based communication method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of

manipulating said one or more images in the computer environment to create a personalized image.

7.(Presently amended)A puppetry based communication business method, comprising the steps of:

providing a puppet site containing one or more images, the one or more images to having a hinge area and being adapted for hand manipulation;

subscribing one or more remote site users to said puppet site;

the one or more remote site users selecting one or more of the images;

printing the selected one or more of the images in paper form;

affixing a hinge to the paper form to allow the one or more remote site users to form the paper form to create a puppet representative of the one or more images; and

the remote site user interacting with the puppet site having a training laboratory comprising a plurality of developmental segments having multimedia audio and video files containing content which [to] facilitates learning and communication in connection with play with the puppet.

8. (Originally presented) The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein at least one of the images are provided by content providers.

9. (Originally presented) The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein the one or more remote site users are selected from the group of: children, students, teachers, parents, employees, employers, patients, and any combination there of.

10. (Originally presented) The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 wherein the one or more remote site users are located at any one of a home, classroom, workshop, childcare center, business, hospital or training center.

11. (Originally presented) The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 further comprising the step of manipulating said one or more images to create a personalized image.

12. (Originally presented) The puppetry based business method of Claim 7 further comprising the step of organizing said one or more images into topic areas.

13. (Originally presented) The puppetry based business method of Claim 12 wherein said topic areas are selected from any one of the following: educational, training, medical, social awareness, business and entertainment.

14.(Cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16.(Previously amended) A puppetry based communication system, comprising:

a computer environment including a puppet site and a computer network, the puppet site containing one or more images available in said puppet site, and an on-line training laboratory having a plurality of developmental segments configured to provide instruction and interaction to remote site users in connection with play with the one or more images;

at least one printer connected to said computer environment for printing said one or more images in paper form; and

a hinge attached or integrated into said paper form, said hinge being adapted for hand manipulation to create a hand actuated puppet representative of said one or more images.

17. (Originally presented) The puppetry based communication system of Claim 16 wherein said hinge is formed within the image.

18. (Originally presented) The puppetry based communication system of Claim 16 wherein said hinge is affixed to the image.

20.(Previously amended) The puppetry based communication system of claim 16 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

21.(Previously amended) The puppetry based communication system of claim 16 further comprising an Internet server connected to the puppet site computer and the computer network.

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22.(Previously amended) The puppetry based communication system of claim 16 further comprising a file server including at least an image database and an user information database.

23.(Previously amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a computer:

provide one or more images;

allow selection of said one or more images;

enable a user to print said one or more images in paper form; and

allow interaction with an on-line training laboratory to facilitate learning and communication in connection with use of said one or more images in paper form.